



CHILD PROTECTION & WELLBEING POLICY STATEMENT

Bowls Scotland
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Bowls Scotland is fully committed to safeguarding, promoting and supporting the protection and wellbeing of all children in our sport. We recognise our responsibility to promote safe practice and to protect children from harm, abuse and exploitation. We embrace difference and diversity and respect the rights of all children and young people. Bowls Scotland's staff and volunteers will be made aware of the policies and procedures in place to protect children in our sport and to promote their wellbeing.

Underpinning principles:

1. A child is recognised as someone under the age of 18
2. A child has the right to relax, play and join in a wide range of sporting activities
3. The protection and wellbeing of all children in our care is everyone's responsibility
4. A child, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, socio-economic status, religious belief and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from all forms of harm and abuse
5. A child has the right to express views on all matters that affect them, should they wish to do so
6. A child's rights, wishes and feelings should be respected and promoted
7. The best way to promote the wellbeing, health and development of a child is to work in partnership with the child, parents/carers and other relevant organisations

To keep children safe in Bowls we will:

- Promote the wellbeing of children through opportunities to take part in bowls safely
- Put in place policies and procedures to promote the wellbeing and protection of children
- Appoint a Child Protection Lead Officer
- Recruit, train and support our volunteers and staff to prioritise the wellbeing of children who take part in our activities and protect them from harm
- Require our volunteers and staff to adopt and abide by the child protection policy and procedures including the Code of Conduct for working with children
- Respond to any child wellbeing or protection concerns in line with our policy and procedures.
- Observe guidelines issued by local Child Protection Committees for the protection of children.
- Monitor, review and evaluate the implementation of the child protection and wellbeing policy and procedures regularly

If you have any concerns about the wellbeing of a child in bowls, please do not hesitate to contact:

Lawra Cox **Child Protection Lead Officer**

Phone: **01292 294 623**

Email: **lawracox@bowlsscotland.com**

If you have an immediate and serious concern about the safety of a child, contact the police and/or your local social work child protection team. Contact details of social work can be found on the relevant local authority website.